

MINUTES

ASSET Administrative Team

July 8, 2020 1:30 p.m.

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, this was an electronic meeting. Access to the meeting was made available by video (Zoom) and call-in.

The Analysis of Social Services Evaluation Team (ASSET) was called to order at 1:30 p.m. by Chair Keith Hobson with the following members present:

- Keith Hobson
- Deb Schildroth
- Jean Kresse
- Sandra King
- Jenny Schill

Review of last meeting:

Presentations from Agency Applications

Funding Decision for ASSET Agency Applications

Three agency applications were discussed: Iowa CASA, Primary Health Care, and Wings of Refuge.

Mr. Hobson asked for a summary of the presentation given by Iowa CASA before opening the discussion. Ms. Schildroth explained the purpose of the Court Appointed Special Advocates; when kids in foster care need an advocate to act on their behalf in the court system, CASA provides those advocates. They are a state agency and have a Governor appointed board. After some discussion and a review of the ASSET funding policies, Ms. Kresse moved to deny the application from Iowa CASA based on the ASSET policies for the use of ASSET funds which does not include funding for state agencies. Seconded by Ms. Schill. Motion Carried Unanimously.

Ms. Kresse summarized the presentation given by Primary Health Care. She explained the role of PHC as: they are federally qualified health care, required to provide dental. PHC previously partnered with Story Co Dental Clinic so there was no need to provide redundant services. However, they now need to provide dental in the clinic to meet the needs of this community. There are different options for how to provide dental services included using a dental assistant and Zoom dentist in the interim. There was also the possibility for a mobile clinic in the health care facility. No temporary situation could extend beyond 6-9 months. Once they are operational they anticipate in 2-3 years that they could be self-sustaining with Medicaid reimbursement enhanced by the federally qualified health care status. After some discussion, Ms. Schildroth moved to approve Primary Health Care's application to be included in the ASSET process. Seconded by Ms. King. Motion Carried Unanimously.

Ms. Kresse summarized the presentation given by Wings of Refuge. They collaborate with many different organizations in the community, and had many letters of recommendation including YSS, who specified Wings of Refuge provides services for adult survivors of human trafficking. They are applying for funds for an employment program under an existing service code that addresses youth. Ms. Schildroth suggested we may need to adopt a new service code. Entrants into the program are considered Ames residents; however, ASSET has various precedent with other organizations it supports around Ames residency; this will need to be revisited with the leaders of Wings of Refuge before budget approval. After a discussion about the points of clarification needed, Ms. Kresse moved to approve the funding for Wings of Refuge. Seconded by Ms. King. Motion Carried Unanimously.

Additional Items

Ms. Kresse brought up the New Director Training and questioned whether these new organizations should be invited to the training. Ms. Schildroth requested they be invited to the training in August, as they will not be ready by July 17th.

ISU Student Government liaisons still need to be assigned. Ms. King suggested they be partnered with another liaison. The ASSET Administrator will reach out to ISU Student Government to designate the new point of contact.

Information/Announcements

1. Administrative Assistant will send notification to the agency applicants with the ASSET decision.
 - a. Wings of Refuge will need to meet with ASSET to define residency and review the service code for their funding.
2. In the August ASSET Admin Meeting the 2 new agencies will be reviewed and amount of funding will be determined.

Adjournment

Mr. Hobson moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:45pm.